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CONSULTATIONS: QUESTION OF STABILITY OF FERTILIZER PRICES

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF VIENNA MISSIONS OF GROUP B
COUNTRIES INVITED PARTICIPATE IN UNIDO FERTILIZER CONSULTATIONS
MET AT THEIR REQUEST ON OCT. 7 WITH MEMBERS UNDIO SECRETARIAT
(HEADED BY BECKER-BOOST, AS CHAIRMAN OF UNIDO TASK FORCE
ON FERTILIZER CONSULTATIONS, AND HACINI, CHIEF OF CONSULTATIONS
SECTION) TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR CONSULTATION. MOST OF
DISCUSSION COVERED GROUND ALREADY WELL KNOWN TO DEPT.,
BUT SOME ADDITIONAL INFO EMERGED AS FOLLOWS.

2. BECKER-BOOST CONFIRMED DATES OF NOVEMBER 8-12, 1976,
FOR EXPERTS' MEETING AND JAN 17-21, 1977 FOR CONSULTATION;
HE SAID THAT SUMMARY OF UNIDO STUDY (ABOUT WHICH HE MADE
POINT OF ARGUING THAT STUDY SHOULD NOT BE
REFERRED TO AS EITHER "EWELL STUDY" OR "ICIS
STUDY") SHOULD BE READY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO MISSIONS
BY OCT. 15 (COPIES WILL BE POUCHEO TO ADDRESSEES).

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3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AS TO HOW CONSULTATION

MEETING COULD POSSIBLY BE EXPECTED GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO ALL EIGHT ISSUES LISTED IN UNIDO ISSUES PAPER, BECKER-BOOST SAID THAT EXPERTS' MEETING WAS EXPECTED REDUCE LIST OF ISSUES TO TOTAL OF FOUR, WITH ONE DAY OF CONSULTATIONS MEETING DEVOTED TO CONSIDERATION OF EACH ISSUE. UNIDO HAD, UPON REFLECTION, HE CONTINUED, ALREADY DELETED SOME ISSUES AS BEING TECHNICAL IN NATURE AND NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION AT "POLICY-LEVEL" CONSULTATIONS.

4. SECRETARIAT RESISTED DESIRE EXPRESSED BY SOME GROUP B MEMBERS THAT PERMANENT MISSIONS ATTEND EXPERTS' MEETING AS OBSERVERS. ALTHOUGH ADMITTING THAT THIS PARTICULAR KIND OF MEETING, GIVEN ITS ROLE OF PREPARING ISSUES FOR "HIGHLY POLITICAL" CONSULTATIONS, IS SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT FROM TRADITIONAL EXPERTS' MEETING WHERE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION IS UNDESIRABLE, SECRETARIAT PUT FORWARD VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS FOR NOT

ACCEDING TO SUGGESTIONS OF PERM REPS. MATTER WAS LEFT UNRESOLVED.

5. US REP EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WHAT INTELLECTUAL LINK SECRETARIAT SAW BETWEEN GENERAL NOTION OF INCREASING LDC INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND SPECIFIC ISSUE OF FERTILIZER PRICE STABILITY (ISSUE #5). BECKER-BOOST DID NOT REPLY DIRECTLY TO QUERY, SIMPLY ASSERTING THAT QUESTION OF PRICE STRUCTURE WAS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE, CITING EXAMPLE OF SHARP DECLINE FERTILIZER USE IN INDIA. EH DID, HOWEVER, GO ON TO SAY THAT UNIDO TOTALLY REJECTS UNCTAD BUFFER STOCK IDEA AND HAS, IN COOPERATION WITH CONSULTANTS, DEVELOPED, FOR PRESENTATION TO EXPERTS' MEETING AND CONSULTATION, SEVERAL SPECIFIC ALTERNATIVES, WHICH, HE CLAIMED, HAD MET ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE ON PART OF FERTILIZER INDUSTRY, INCLUDING, PARTICULARLY, MEMBERS OF US INDUSTRY. MISSION WAS INTRIGUED BY BECKER-BOOST'S STATEMENT BUT RESPECTED HIS PRIVATELY-EXPRESSED DESIRE THAT WE NOT PRESS FOR FURTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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DETAILS. OUR OWN INFORMED GUESS IS THAT BECKER-BOOST'S MENTION OF "MEMBERS OF US INDUSTRY" REFERS TO THE FERTILIZER INSTITUTE LOCATED NEAR IMF HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON. STIBRAVY

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